Brackish Water Aquaculture

4134. SHRI ANANTA SETHI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing any Central scheme on brackish water aquaculture in the country particularly in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken in that direction during last three years and particularly after the last cyclone; and

(c) the details thereof alongwith the target set for the next three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz. Integrated Coastal Aquaculture which contains a package of technical, financial and extension support to shrimp growers is under implementation through Brackish water Fish Farmers Development Agencies (BFDAs) in the country. In Orissa seven BFDAs have been set up in the coastal districts of Kendrapada, Ganjam, Khurda, Puri, Jagatsinghpur, Balasore and Bhadrak. A sum of Rs. 60.98 lakhs was released by the Centre to Government of Orissa under the Scheme during the last three years, and the State Government has brought under scientific shrimp farming an area of 122.48 ha and has trained 436 beneficiaries. The State Government has informed that necessary restoration programme in the cyclone affected brackishwater unit has been taken up by the concerned shrimp farmers.

(c) Targets set for the next three years are :

Year	Areas to be covered (ha.)	Beneficiaries to be Trained (nos.)
2000-2001	100	210
2001-2002	150	210
2002-2003	200	210

Financial assistance to food processing industries in Gujarat

†4135. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing any financial assistance to food processing industries in Gujarat;

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